(b) if so, on which date;

(c) whether the BRPSE has recommended company's revival;

(d) if so, on which date;

(e) the details of the revival plan waivers and new investments in the Country;

(f) whether the revival has been approved by Government;

(g) if so, on which date; and

(h) the details of timeline for completing the revival plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The revival plan of Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) has been referred to Board of Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) on 13.09.2005.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. BRPSE has recommended company's revival on 7.10.2005.

(e) The revival plan inter-alia includes (i) Waiver of non-plan loan and interest on plan and non-plan loan as on 31.03.2005 of Rs. 1101.03 crores and (ii) To provide a non-plan Bridge Loan of Rs. 102.00 crores, which will be repaid in three years.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. The revival has been approved by the Government on 15.12.2005.

(h) The revival plan of the company also includes settlement of electricity dues of Jharkhand State Electricity Board, Government of Jharkhand of Rs. 500 crores by transferring commensurate amount of land of the company to the state Government. However the matter is subjudice before the Jharkhand High Court. It may not therefore be possible to give any time frame for completing the revival plan.

Refining of Crude Oil from Barmer region

†1957. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of refining project of oil found in Barmer area and by when refinery would be set up to refine the oil; and

(b) whether crude oil or refined oil would be supplied from Barmer through pipeline which has been approved for oil supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The proposal for setting up a refinery at Barmer in Rajasthan is under the consideration of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)/Mangalore Refinery and Petro-Chemicals Limited (MRPL), a subsidiary of ONGC.

ONGC/MRPL has reported that economic viability of this high investment requires fiscal incentives and other benefits from the Government of Rajasthan. ONGC/MRPL have requested the State Government to consider the required fiscal incentives and support for the viability of huge investments in the Well-head Refinery Project. Currently, ONGC and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government of Rajasthan are in a process of discussion regarding fiscal incentives to be extended by Government of Rajasthan to make the refinery investment viable.

(b) Pending decision on viability of the refinery, it is imperative that the crude is produced during the intervening period so that there is no delay in production of crude oil and in payment of statutory levies and profit oil. In view of this, Government has agreed in principle for grant of RoU to the consortium of ONGC and Cairn Energy for laying a pipeline for evacuation of crude oil from the RJ-ON-90/1 contract area in Barmer to Salaya, Gujarat.

Auction under NELP-VII

1958. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is expected to earn US $ 4 billion through NELP-VII;

(b) the details of oil and gas blocks that are going to be auctioned through NELP-VII, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) whether the Ministry may mention a clause in the agreement that first preference has to be given to the State in which oil and gas block is situated so that the oil and gas requirements of that State are meet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) A bidding company is required to pay tender fee by the way of purchase of the requisite Data Package of the block to be bid. Revenue to the Government would accrue through payment of royalty and profit petroleum share offered by the contractor in the bid in the event of production of oil and gas. However, the revenue would be contingent upon actual production of oil and gas after exploratory phase if discovery is made. Details of 57 exploration blocks (29 onland, 9 shallow water & 19 deep water blocks) which are on offer under 7th round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VII), including in Andhra Pradesh are given in the statement. (*See* below)

(c) As regards first preference to be given to the State in which oil and gas block is situated, operators are free to market oil and gas in the domestic market till self sufficiency is achieved in India.

Statement

Details of Exploration Blocks on Offer with Block Types and Mandatory work Programme under New Exploration Licensing Policy-Seventh Round (NELP-VII)

Sl. No.	Basin	Block Name	MAP REF No.	Block Type		Approx Area (SQ. KM.)	Mandatory workProgramme (API) 2D Seismic Quantum of work in LKM (APPROX.) Grid Size	
1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8
	Deep water Blocks							
1.	Gujarat-Saurashtra	GS-DWN-2005/1		D-1	B	5216	-	-